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SUBJECT: CISCO III

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1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR HANDLING OF CISCO
III SHOULD ANY OR ALL OF THEM ARRIVE AT EMBASSY KHARTOUM
OR ELSEWHERE.

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2. AT TIME OF RELEASE, OR UPON RECEIPT OF FIRM INFORMATION

THAT RELEASE IS IMMINENT, CISCO PROJECT MANAGER IN ASMARA, ROBERT H. BAKER, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY HIS SUPERIORS TO TRAVEL TO POINT OF RELEASE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ASSUMING MRS. HARRELL WISHES TO ACCOMPANY BAKER AND REJOIN HER HUSBAND OUTSIDE ETHIOPIA, SHE WILL PROCEED WITH HIM TO POINT OF RELEASE. (ACTION REQUESTED: ASMARA SHOULD CHECK THIS ASSUMPTION WITH MRS. HARRELL AND ALSO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SHE IS AUTHORIZED AND PROPERLY DOCUMENTED BY EPMG TO TRAVEL ABROAD).

2. UPON RETURN TO USG CONTROL, THE FREED MEN SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY EMBASSY DOCTOR. IF NECESSARY, THEY SHOULD BE HOSPITALIZED OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE PENDING ARRIVAL OF BAKER AND MRS. HARRELL.

3. RELEASED MEN, ACCOMPANIED BY BAKER AND MRS. CAMPBELL, WILL THEN BE FLOWN TO FRANKFURT VIA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, WHERE CAMPBELL WILL BE REUNITED WITH HIS WIFE. IN FRANKFURT IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THEY WILL UNDERGO FULL MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

4. IT IS PLANNED THAT MEN AND THEIR WIVES WILL RETURN TO CONUS VIA SCHEDULED MAC AIRCRAFT. (BAKER WILL RETURN TO HIS DUTY STATION IN ASMARA FROM FRANKFURT). UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN US, THEY WILL BE MET BY CISCO AND USG REPRESENTATIVES; USG INVOLVEMENT WILL END AT THAT POINT.

5. ALL COSTS ATTENDANT TO THESE ACTIONS -- INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, MEDICAL, PER DIEM AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES -- WILL BE BORNE BY CISCO. BAKER WILL HAVE NECESSARY FUNDS WITH HIM WHEN HE ARRIVES AT RELEASE POINT.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD POLICY IN SUCH CASES, MEN SHOULD BE SHIELDED FROM THE PRESS AT LEAST UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE US.

7. SUBSEQUENT TO RELEASE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON TO EFFECT THAT MEN HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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FREED, GIVING DATE AND PLACE OF RELEASE AND STATING MEN ARE UNDERGOING MEDICAL CHECKS PRIOR TO RETURNING TO THE US. MOREOVER, ONCE ALL, REPEAT ALL, AMERICANS HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY ERITREANS, DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE "APPROPRIATE" STATEMENT PER PARA 2, REF B.

8.FOR USCINCEUR: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YO'ARRANGE FOR MILITARY HOSPITALIZATION AND INFORMAL DEBRIEF IN

FRANKFURT; ALSO FOR SCHEDULED MAC TRANSPORTATION TO
CONUS. QUESTION OF WHETHER MEN NEED ESCORT WILL BE
DECIDED SUBSEQUENT TO THEIR ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT. SINCE
CAMPBELL AND HARRELL ARE NOT SUBJECT TO USCMJ,
THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS IS NOT
MANDATORY. YOUR COMMENTS ARE INVITED. SISCO

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